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Below are several items that have been previously considered by the Public Awareness Committee and/or Council as-a-whole as possible items for legislation or administrative (governor's office) support. Please review the list and place them in rank order of importance to you. This will help us to identify discussion points in the Council's annual report to the governor and also to prioritize our agenda for the annual Homelessness Awareness Day on the Hill next March 15.

- add a \$5 checkoff box to Iowa income tax 1040 forms so that taxpayers can mark off a contribution to support homeless services in their part of the state
- create a tax credit for employers who hire persons experiencing or who have recently experienced homelessness
- convene relevant departments and service providers to review federal funding opportunities in order to ensure that ESG, TANF, McKinney-Vento and other resources intended to address homelessness are maximized
- ensure that adequate funding and resources are in place to address domestic violence and mental health issues, both leading contributors to homelessness
- convene faith community leaders at a summit addressing homelessness
- approve a "Homeless Bill of Rights" such as Rhode Island and Illinois have enacted
- increase administrative support from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in FY2016 in order to support capacity building of service providers to meet proposed service standards
- revise and update existing Administrative Rules and Iowa Code Chapter 16 so that ICH governance better enables ICH to address homelessness in present day and future

If you believe there is another action that is among your top 3 priorities, please list it here:

- Other _____

Question 2

What are the most challenging barriers to addressing homelessness faced by providers/those experiencing or at risk of homelessness?

(Think of things that could potentially be described in the letter to Governor Branstad. These may be more complex issues and therefore require more time and resources in order for ICH to develop an effective advocacy strategy around. Such items could become part of our 2016 legislative/administrative agenda.)

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Question 3

Please share a success story about collaborative efforts and moving Iowans from homelessness to stability through permanent housing and income. We want to show that communities are coming together to address homelessness and that Iowans are utilizing these services to make life better for themselves and their families. Stories that involve families, veterans, recovering alcohol/drug abusers and rural Iowans would be especially helpful.

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